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OK Notice CRP-583

For: County Offices

Actions for Contracting CRP Signup 29 Offers

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

The Secretary of Agriculture announced October 26, 2004, acceptance of 1.188 million acres in CRP. A total of 1.7 million acres were offered. Oklahoma had 35,542 acres accepted in CRP from the 40,852 acres offered.

Notice CRP-488 announced CRP signup 29 selection process and provided counties guidance on accepting and rejecting offers. Signup 29 was the second signup to process all offers "in-house" by FSA. NRCS, or the Technical Service Provider (TSP), remains responsible for the technical aspect of CRP in developing plans on acceptable offers. FSA will need to convey all necessary information to NRCS, or the TSP, in order that a Conservation Plan of Operation (CPO) can be developed to reflect the EBI points that led to acceptance, and that the participant committed to, on the CRP-2 and CRP-1.

B Purpose

This notice provides additional information for processing signup 29 offers and information to provide NRCS for development of the CPO.

2 Providing Information to NRCS

A Acceptable and Rejected Offer Report

The CED shall provide the CRP Signup 29 Acceptable and Rejected Offer Report to the local NRCS DC. Access the report according to Notice CRP-488, subparagraph 3 A.

Disposal Date:

12-01-05

11-09-04

Distribution:

County Offices

2 Providing Information to NRCS (continued)**B CRP-2 Data**

To develop the CPO, provide NRCS a copy of the CRP-2 on all eligible accepted offers. Highlight items 1, 3, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, and 14 (N1a). Additionally, write “GUZZLER” in blank area of Item 11, if the producer specified that a wildlife guzzler would be installed on the offered acreage.

C List of CRP Participants on the CRP-1

Provide NRCS a list of all CRP participants applicable to each individual acceptable offer in order that NRCS can obtain all required signatures on the CPO. Identify the farm and tract number on the list and attach this list to the CRP-2 described in subparagraph 2 C.

D Aerial Photocopy of Acceptable Acreage

The CRP-2 does not describe the actual legal location of the acres on the acceptable offer. Provide NRCS an aerial photocopy of each individual acceptable offer boldly highlighting the specific acceptable CRP acreage. Attach the aerial photocopy to the CRP-2 described in subparagraph 2 C and identify the legal location of the accepted land.

3 COF Activities on Acceptable and Rejected Offers**A Acceptable and Rejected Offer List Review and Potential Errors**

The CRP Signup 29 Acceptable and Rejected Offer Report shall be reviewed according to Notice CRP-488, subparagraph 3 B. A second party review of the **all** eligibility requirements and maximum payment rate calculations was required, according to 2-CRP (Rev. 4), subparagraph 253 A. If offer information, EBI factor, or subfactor information is incorrect, and requires recalculation for a possible acceptable or rejected offer, submit the case file to the STO for review and action to approve or disapprove the correction. Producers shall not be informed of their offer status, if an error was discovered until after the STO review is completed. Refer to Notice CRP-489 for processing erroneous and omitted offers for signup 29.

B Liquidated Damages

Liquidated damages apply to acceptable offers that are withdrawn and to those where the participant did not respond to the COF within 15 days.

C Change of Effective Date

Changing of the acceptable offer effective date from October 1, 2006, to October 1, 2007, or vice versa, is allowed on new land that was offered and determined acceptable for signup 26. Producers that reoffered expiring CRP contract acres and were acceptable may not change the contract effective date. See Notice CRP-489, subparagraph 2 I.

3 COF Activities on Acceptable and Rejected Offers (continued)**D Conservation Plan of Operation (CPO)**

The CPO shall reflect the required items in 2-CRP, subparagraph 236 B. A checklist for CPO content is contained in 2-CRP, OK Exhibit 3. The CRP-1 shall not be approved without a properly completed CPO.

The CRP-2 may contain practices with different contract lengths in Item 11D. Separate CRP-1s are printed for practices with different contract lengths on the CRP-2. NRCS may develop one CPO for tracts that have practices with different contract lengths. In these situations, the CPO shall be copied and attached to each CRP-1 associated with the multi-length contract practices on the CRP-2.

Many producers may be in the position to begin planting grass during the December to May planting season. FSA shall work with NRCS to accommodate these producers with the CPO, and ultimately approved CRP-1s. The ultimate final date for CPO completion is July 29, 2005.

Note: Producers may, at their own risk, start a practice before final approval of the CRP-1. The AD-245 may be generated and paid before the effective date of the contract if the CRP-1 is approved.

E NRCS Field Visit

NRCS will make a field visit to each accepted CRP offer to develop the CPO. The field visit may reveal a cover or situation that is different than what the producer provided on the CRP-2. NRCS will bring these situations to the attention of the CED for resolution.

F COC Approval

The COC shall approve all eligible CRP-1s by September 9, 2005. All information necessary for contracting must be on the CRP-2, CRP-1, and CPO prior to COC approval. Refer to 2-CRP, OK Exhibit 3, for a checklist of items to be completed prior to COC approval of the CRP-1. OK Exhibit 3 shall be completed for COC review prior to the CRP-1 approval.

G Harvest of Prior Year Crop

Contracts for signup 29 will not become effective until either FY 2006 or 2007. A producer may harvest the prior year's agriculture commodity after October 1 without a payment reduction. See 2-CRP, subparagraph 254 C. Agriculture Commodity is defined in 2-CRP, Exhibit 2. Alfalfa, grasses, and other multi-year legumes would not be eligible to be harvested for hay or seed after September 30.

3 COF Activities on Acceptable and Rejected Offers (continued)

G Harvest of Prior Year Crop (continued)

Example 1: Producer has a FY 2006 CRP acreage accepted in SU 29. To continue cash flow, the producer plants grain sorghum in the summer of 2005. The grain sorghum is ready to harvest on October 15, 2005, which is after the beginning of the FY 2006 effective date of the CRP contract. The producer may harvest the grain sorghum.

Example 2: Same as above but the producer wants to hay the CP10 grass that will be in the CRP contract effective FY 2006. The producer wants to hay the grass October 15. The grass acreage cannot be hayed since it is not considered an agriculture commodity according to Exhibit 2.

H Information Available to the Public

Summary of county and state signup 29 accepted offer information may be provided to the public. Specific individual acres are not allowed to be disclosed to the public.